

I would like you to stand here by the Mormon Battalion monument and observe carefully the front view of the Utah State Capitol building. The thrill you receive will make you proud that our people built such an imposing, beautiful structure, a credit to our state and to its people."

"Mr. Madsen, who was the architect of such an unusual structure?" Jane Brown inquired.

"He was a Salt Lake architect named Richard K. A. Kletting. He also designed many other imposing Salt Lake City and Utah buildings," he replied. "Do you students know the style of architecture of the Capitol building?"

Capitol building is," John remarked.

"It is very large in comparison to many state capitols, John. It is 404 feet long, 240 feet wide, and 283 feet high," the teacher declared. "And you may be interested to know that it contains a basement floor and four other floors with more than 200 rooms. Six of them are large assembly halls.

"Now that we have observed the inspirational dome covered with Utah copper, the many beautiful granite columns, and the grace and beauty of the building in general, we shall enter the basement floor at the east end of the building and study the unusual exhibit of Utah products and colored views of many of Utah's scenic wonders."

A herd of elk

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